

House Resolution No. 2680

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished himself through many years of excellence in the legal profession; and

Whereas, the Honorable John D. Wiggins, an esteemed resident of Rolla, Missouri, will officially retire from the 25th Judicial Circuit of the State of Missouri on December 31, 2004, after fourteen years of exceptional service and dedication; and

Whereas, admitted to the Missouri Bar in 1973, Judge Wiggins has served as the Supervisory Judge of the Juvenile Department of the 25th Circuit for the past fourteen years; and

Whereas, a presenter for the Missouri Bar and Phelps County Bar CLE seminars, Judge Wiggins practiced law for seventeen years and served as an Assistant Public Defender, City Attorney of Rolla from 1976 to 1980, Rolla City Counselor from 1982 to 1990, City Attorney for the cities of Dixon, Newburg, and Salem, and Prosecuting Attorney of Phelps County from 1982 to 1990; and

Whereas, Judge Wiggins is exceedingly proud of his affiliation with such important organizations as the Missouri Bar, the Phelps County Bar Association, the Bennet Springs Barristers Club, the Rolla Optimist Club, Rolla Masonic Lodge No. 213 A.F. & A.M., York and Scottish Rite Bodies and Shrine, the University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla Elks Lodge No. 2461, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity, the Rolla Jaycees, and the Rolla Law Explorer Post Advisory Board; and

Whereas, Judge Wiggins looks forward to his retirement so that he can spend more quality time in the company of his wonderful family which includes his devoted wife, Melody Wiggins; his two children, Dr. Julia Flax and Bill Wiggins; and his granddaughter, Olivia Rose Flax:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Judge Wiggins for his fourteen years of unparalleled service as a Circuit Judge, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Honorable John D. Wiggins.

Offered by _____
Representative Bill Ransdall
District No. 148

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2680, adopted May 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker